

Breeze

Surf Pines Home Owners Association Quarterly Newsletter April 2017

President's Message

Susan Holloway



Happy Spring at Surf Pines. We made it through a very wet winter without road flooding. It appears that the maintenance work that was done on the pumps held the water "at bay" and we will continue to ensure that the pumps and electrical systems are in working order. Thank you to John Gates for monitoring and controlling.

Thank you to Tricia Gates, Chair of the Community Relations Committee and her active members for planning and executing a fun Meet the Author evening. The Committee will be inviting you to participate in a survey to understand what programs and gatherings are of interest to our residents. The parties, picnic, and evening gatherings for history and fun are a nice way to create a feeling of community. And there is always good food.

Thank you to Daniel and Cathy Stearns for creating the Surf Pines Breeze each quarter. Having done it a number of times myself, I understand how much work the job entails.

Surf Pines Association does not have the number of volunteers it once had to complete the tasks that

create a gorgeous environment and keep the Association humming, whether it is spreading chips, hacking at scotch broom, digging up sand burrs or serving on the Board. We have hoped otherwise for years and now realize we must budget accordingly, using the dues and savings, to accomplish the necessary work to maintain one of the premier gated communities on the coast.

Due to Board member travel plans some of our March and April meeting dates have been adjusted. Our budget workshop will take place April 15, from 9:00 to 1:00. John Gates, the Roads and Grounds Committee, and Tricia Gates and the Community Relations Committee have completed maintenance and committee planning for one and five years. These plans should result in a more accurate budget to put before you in August. And the maintenance planning with adequate dollars will result in a polished environment.

I continue to encourage each resident to prepare for an emergency, be it grass fire, wind, or earthquake and tsunami. Read the literature we have provided and stock up for yourselves and your guests. We want everyone to be safe in the event that something goes awry. Have supplies and know where you will go.

Would you like to be a Surf Pines Board member? It is a great way to contribute to the Association. I would love to talk to you about the opportunity and entice you to consider running for an open position. The workload is not onerous and contributes to our wonderful community. Let me hear from you!

Susan Holloway
President

Security Corner

John Gates

I'm happy to announce Spring has finally come to Surf Pines! After the crazy Winter we have had, I think we are ready for it.

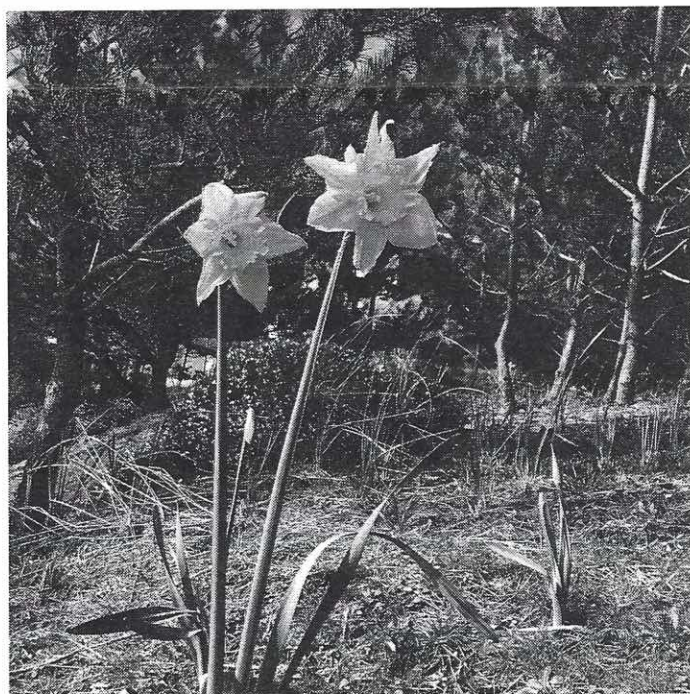
With the warmer weather come the beach walkers who sometimes wander into our neighborhood. I have had a couple of calls already that strangers were wandering our streets. One resulted in an arrest for outstanding warrants. I really appreciate the help and the notifications. Please continue to let me know if you see someone or something that doesn't look like it belongs here.

Please watch your speed and obey the stop signs. We lost several deer this winter by being hit by speeding autos. The nicer weather brings out more walkers and the Moms will be bringing out their babies soon. Let's make a conscious effort to slow down and be safe!

In closing, I would like to give a special Thank you to our resident State Troopers here in Surf Pines. They are always looking out for all of us and willing to help out when I need them.

Enjoy the Spring,

John Gates
Surf Pines Security



Roads and Grounds

Richard Puetz

SURF PINES "on the lighter side"

TOPIC: WEEDS

Longspine Sandbur (sandspur) "Cenchrus Lingispinus" to be exact!

It's just about that time of year when we need help removing sandspur from our walking trails, paths and park area.

I had a chance to read an article written by a couple of Pacific Northwest Extension publications people: Robert Parker, Ph.D., and Rick Boydston, Ph.D.

Their article is about the sandspur that infests our community every year. They described where we could find it and what methods could be used to reduce its population. They talk about the biology as it relates to reproduction and germination time frame. The sandspur thrives on sunny sites and frequently invades lawns and roadsides. Sandspur frequently moves into adjacent fields from road shoulders, fence lines, and other poorly vegetated areas.

Control of this weed can be reduced by maintaining a dense crop canopy such as a forage type product. Since most of the sandspur is still located at the Park, we could use the "1 gallon cider vinegar, two cups Epson salt, ¼ cup dish soap solution for weeds (this stops growth), and manual removal with a four fingered garden rake, followed by burning of said weeds.

After the Park has been cleared of the problem we could re-seed with a blue grass rye that grows fast and will help cover the park with a lush canopy of green grass. With persistence we could control this weed and enhance the usability of our Park. What say you!

"Just a thought."

Have a great new year,

Richard Puetz
Volunteer member Roads and Grounds Committee

Community Relations

Tricia Gates

GARAGE SALE COMING UP JULY 1st

Time is getting close so start thinking about our upcoming GARAGE SALE. This year it will be held on Saturday July 1st from 8 - 4. Don't worry about the early opening. The sale starts when you open your garage or put your sign out on the street. My job is to do the advertising and give you the yellow sign for your driveway.

Think about all the goodies you've been setting aside this last year for the sale. Check out your basement, attic, spare room or garage. What you sell gives you room for new. Let me know if you have any interesting or unusual items you'd like me to list in the Daily Astorian ad.

Remember how far away our buyers travel for this special day. Many plan their vacations around our wonderful GARAGE SALE event.

If you feel you don't have enough for a sale then contact your neighbors or friends and see if they'd like to bring some of their best items to help supplement your "inventory."

You can sign up anytime. Last date is June 30th. Looking forward to hearing from you. Let's make this another great year of sales.

Thanks,

Katie Weber
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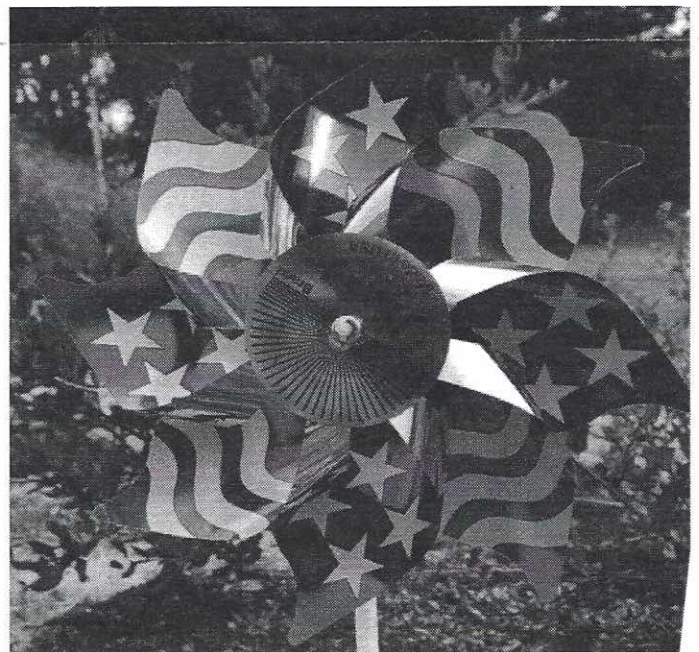
PICNIC - SUNDAY JULY 2ND AT 1:00 P.M.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Surf Pines Annual Picnic is coming up on Sunday July 2nd starting at 1 p.m.

This is your chance to come and meet up with your neighbors and friends and celebrate our Independence Day all in one setting. Bring your kids and grandkids. We'll have games, prizes, good times, and great food. Surf Pines will supply the burgers and hotdogs, water and sodas. Ice Cream sundaes will also make an appearance again this year.

What do you need to contribute? How about bringing a side dish or dessert. Do you have a picnic specialty you cook up and would like to share? We'd love to share it. If you have a neighbor who might have a hard time getting around and you think they'd enjoy coming to the picnic you could offer to bring them with you and your family. This is a picnic for sharing. Hope to see you in the park for a good time.



Neighorly Tip

With the summer approaching, we would like to remind all residents of Surf Pines that fireworks are illegal not only in Surf Pines, but on the beaches as well.

"It turns out shooting off fireworks on all Oregon beaches is against the law, and camping on the beaches is prohibited on most of the coast—and it's simply a bad idea for a number of reasons if it isn't outright illegal. Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) points out fireworks— including sparklers —are prohibited in all state parks in Oregon and banned on the state's beaches. Only fireworks managed as part of Independence Day community events with pre-approved permits are allowed.

"While beaches may seem like a safe place to shoot them off, they're prohibited because of the beach grass nearby – and fireworks of any kind are prohibited at all state parks around Oregon. The penalty for firing off the fiery stuff on beaches or within state parks could be as high around \$400." (http://www.beachconnection.net/news/beasaf063011_527.php)

The risk of fire on the dunes is real. Last 4th of July there was a fire on the dune near South Ocean Drive not too far from the homes in that area. The Gearhart Fire Department responded and along with several neighbors was able to put it out.

Surf Pines Directory

To report changes and/or corrections to your directory listing, please send an email to Bonnie Rogie at brogie1@frontier.com or Call her at 503 705 8152, and she will make the changes.

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Speed Limit

Did you know that Sunset Lake has a speed limit? So many people enjoy the lake for water sports, BUT the speed limit is 10 MPH to ensure that each person who is on the lake can enjoy their experience.

Call to Volunteer

Got a spare hour or two this spring? Call Richard Puetz or John Gates and ask what work needs doing around our community. Each hour of cutting scotch broom or spreading some of the chips in the park contributes mightily to the community. Thank you.

